



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

NEWS RELEASE

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CALIFORNIA FOOD COMPANY RECALLS 75,000 POUNDS OF GROUND BEEF ***Products may be contaminated with high-risk strain of *E. coli****

The County Department of Environmental Health today recommended that consumers check their freezers for ground beef products produced by United Food Group of Vernon, California after learning the company has recalled 75,000 pounds of ground beef products.

The ground beef was distributed in San Diego County, as well as five other western states. The beef products may be contaminated with *E. coli* O157:H7, a particularly dangerous strain of the bacteria. No illnesses have been reported locally at this time.

Consumers can identify the products by looking for the following:

- Labels of the recalled products have the establishment number "EST. 1241" inside the USDA mark of inspection
- A sell by date of "May/06/07," a freeze by date of "May/07/07" or a produced on date of "April /20/07."
- See attached page for full list of recalled products

Consumers who bought these products should not eat them and may wish to check with the store where it was purchased for information about the return policy.

E. coli O157:H7 can cause bloody diarrhea, abdominal cramps along with dehydration. The elderly, infants, and those with impaired immune systems are most at risk. Anyone who is ill should see their health care provider.

Information on recall news and safety alerts can be found at <http://www.foodsafety.gov/> . Consumers with questions about food safety can contact the USDA at 1-888-674-6854.

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United Food Group Ground Beef Recalled Products:

- 10-pound boxes of "MORAN'S All Natural, 73/27 fine ground beef"
- 10-pound boxes of "MORAN'S All Natural, 90/10 fine ground sirloin"
- 2-pound chubs of "INTER-AMERICAN PRODUCTS 93/7 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "INTER-AMERICAN PRODUCTS 80/20 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef"
- 5-pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 73/27 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural, 90/10 fine ground sirloin"
- pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 93/7 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "MORAN'S All Natural 96/4 ground beef"
- pound chubs of "STATER BROS. MARKETS 73/27 ground beef"